



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on January 10, 1995 in Room 238 Conference Room, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were John Moseman, Bill Hollis, Al Piringer, Frank Longen, Gordon C. Marten, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Ashok Raina and Vernon G. Pursel.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON C. MARTEN

- We met Dr. Carl Stauber, the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Science, Education and Economics at the Senior Executive Conference at Washington, D.C., December 13-15. Dr. Floyd Horn is Acting Under Secretary for Science, Education and Economics and Dr. Dean Plowman is again Administrator of ARS. They have submitted the materials to the Senate for confirmation for Secretary Select Mr. Dan Glickman. Dr. Stauber visited Beltsville in January.
- Four Beltsville scientists retired very recently (January 3); Dr. Jim Svoboda, Research Leader of the Insect Neurobiology & Hormone Lab, Dr. Philip Kearney, Director of the Natural Resources Institute, Dr. Richard Sayre of the Nematology Lab, and Dr. Francis Eucker of the Systematic Botany & Mycology Lab.
- There is a threat of budget cut for all Federal Agencies. What happens in the next 90 days in relation to "The Contract With America" will be monitored relative to our programs.
- The President's budget will be revealed sometime the second week of February.
- Modernization - Dr. Marten met with the contractor for the design of the Controlled Environment facility. The Controlled Environment Facility will be at the 100% design about March 1, 1995.
- Waldemar Klassen is working in Florida.
- The gutting and rebuilding of 001 is in progress and is already funded. The projected dedication of that building will be late 1996.
- The outcome of hearings in the 003 auditorium, is that the New USDA Office Complex will be located along Sunnyside near the Metro Green Line Service yard. There will be an EPA hearing and public response. They plan groundbreaking in early spring and completion by December 1996.
- Just a reminder to display FAR-B poster at gatherings that FAR-B sponsors.
- Administration is planing a long-term strategy for FAR-B. This will include having a joint ad-hoc committee between current FAR-B Directors and Beltsville area. The Board of Directors will discuss this and inform the area office.
- John Moseman brought up the request that Judy St. John made in the September meeting that FAR-B purchase a stove and refrigerator for the conference room in the new Horticultural Sciences Building. Gordon Marten will look into the absolute situation of formally transferring ownership from FAR-B to USDA.
- Ginger will invite Amy Rossman to our next BOD meeting to update the board on Symposium XXI.
- Ed Knipling Sr. was awarded the Japan's top scientific prize.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. VERNON PURSEL

The Symposium brochures arrived. They were contracted to a company through GPO and subsequently got lost in the mail. Approximately 4500 of the brochures were sent the Friday before Christmas to all the regular members of the American Society of Animal Science, American Dairy Science Association, and Poultry Scientists of America. We sent a number of brochures to University Heads of Departments of Animal Sciences, Dairy Sciences, and Poultry Sciences to distribute to visiting Professors, or graduate students. We also sent to Deans of all Veterinary schools and Research Directors at the 1890 colleges. We have several other smaller mailing lists that are more specific for the genetics groups. We have six

names suggested for the FAR-B award. Ginger will go to library to research these names. Bill Hollis suggested we contact the Cattleman's Association or the Meat Growers. Dr. Marten inquired as to whether the information was being sent to the Del Mar Va Farmer. Vernon Pursel mentioned the Lancaster Livestock Newspaper. Al Piringer reported that he and Bill Wergin will work together on the Special Post Office at the Symposium. The Board thought there should be more publicity to local people about the special Post Office. Attendance at the symposium was projected at about 250.

The Newsletter will be published in January.

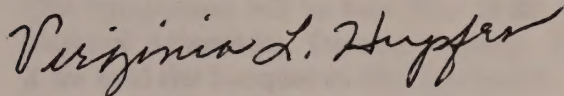
Dr. Moseman discussed the mailing of letters of prospective members of FAR-B. One letter was designed to go to recent retirees and another to retirees who had worked at Beltsville at sometime in the past. Frank Longen mentioned that 43 such letters have been sent out to date.

Dr. Marten came back to the meeting to let us know he had gotten an answer to the question about whether BARC could accept transfer of ownership of a stove and refrigerator if these items were purchased by FAR-B for the new Horticultural Sciences Bldg. The answer is that BARC can accept this transfer of ownership and carry these items on its inventory.

Mr. Longen mentioned that the Editor of the Agricultural Research magazine, Lloyd McLaughlin, indicated that he may ask FAR-B to fund a Summer Intern for the magazine staff. The Board agreed that we should alternate such funding between the magazine staff and the National Visitor Center. Since the NVC was funded for an Intern last year, it was agreed that we would fund an Intern on the magazine staff this year if money is available. Mr. McLaughlin indicated he would probably make a formal request in late January or February.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995 (Valentines Day), 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.



*John M. called to mention that we had
agreed to fund a luncheon for Poster Day
Exhibitors*

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The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. H. DUANE NORMAN

We will be replacing one speaker, Dr. Michael Strauss from AAAS in Washington, D.C. We may get Dr. John Hodges from Austria to give that paper. There will be a social and registration Sunday night at the Holiday Inn. Monday and Tuesday there will be poster sessions along with a luncheon, and Monday and Tuesday evening we will give each registrant two beverage tickets and the posters will still be available. Ginger will check to see how many poster stands the Area Office purchased. We developed a Word Perfect 6.0 table data base to record registrants and other pertinent information. It was suggested that this information be added to Barbara Leonhardt's Symposium notebook.

SYMPOSIUM XX1 REPORT - DR. AMY ROSSMAN

We had a preliminary meeting February 3. There were four in attendance, myself, Tom Elias, Dug Miller, and Elaine Hoagland. This is a joint meeting with the Association of Systematics Collections and Elaine Hoagland is their Executive Director. We chose a title, "Global Genetic Resources: Access, Ownership, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)". Tom Elias and Amy Rossman will be Co-Chairs of Beltsville Symposium XXI, and Elaine Hoagland will be the third person on the team. This is the Annual Meeting of the ASC and they will be having a Sunday event. Anyone will be invited to participate in this event. The Symposium will be held May 19-22, 1996. Tom Elias invited the group to hold the banquet at the National Arboretum, Tuesday evening. Frank Longen mentioned that we will have to pay DC sales tax if we hold the banquet at the Arboretum. Since the Arboretum is on Federal property, Dr. Rossman will check with Tom Elias to possibly get an exemption on the tax. Amy listed others on the Steering Committee; Dr. Morton Beroza will be the FAR-B representative. Amy and Ginger will get together to discuss the rates and amenities at the Holiday Inn. They have identified a potential keynote speaker - Dr. David Pimental. Their next goal is to work up a program and finalize their preferred speakers. Elaine will publish the proceedings as an ASC publication with BARC Symposium being the focal point on the frontispiece.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM - TOM STREETS

Tom said he, supported by numerous others, had been trying to establish a National Agricultural Museum for sometime now. What he would like to do is to restore records and equipment stored in the attics at BARC and other locations either construct or use an existing building to set up the museum. Tom was requesting verbal support and volunteer service from FAR-B. It was recommended that Tom contact the Smithsonian to dedicate a wing to agriculture.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON C. MARTEN

Budget: House Hearings on this budget will be February 28. Key items for discussion - 1) a total ARS reduction in existing programs of \$47M; 2) About \$45M proposed new research is part of this reduction; 3) A net decrease of \$2.3M for ARS; 4) Total ARS budget for 1996 of \$710M; 5) Close-out of 12 complete locations in ARS; 6) New ARS research initiatives - a) Food Safety and Pathogen Reduction; b) Integrated Pest Management; c) Human Nutrition; d) Agricultural Biodiversity; e) Air Quality. For Beltsville this means six programs (loss of 8 SY) to be closed;

\$8.45M of proposed new research, combined with \$2.5M close-outs, leaves us with a proposed gain of close to \$6M; \$10M of proposed new modernization at BARC; Some proposed new BARC Research.

- We are planning to co-host a Congressional "Hearing" on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Precision Farming on June 19, 1995.
- All employees recently received or will receive Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.
- We have invited the NE Regional SARE/ACE Administrative Council to visit our Sustainable Agriculture and IPM research and demonstration on July 20. We may need help from FAR-B for the lunch.
- The Master Plan for BARC is 50% completed--it should be finished by April, 1996.
- Our Mentoring Program has 43 pairs of Mentors/Mentees.
- *X* Dr. Murrell has given a new charge to FAR-B and a special FAR-B Committee that includes both BARC employees and FAR-B Board members. Tom Sexton is the Chair.
- The Combined Federal Campaign was successful. We raised \$88K in Beltsville Area (\$3K increase over previous year). The CFC organizers thanked FAR-B for donating refreshments for the recognition ceremony on February 14. (The refreshments were also enjoyed at the BOD meeting 2/14/95).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

Phil Kearney agreed to serve on the Board of Directors, and Pat Jackson agreed to serve another term.

OLD BUSINESS

- Frank Longen said we had previously discussed alternating funding a summer intern between the Visitor Center and the Agricultural Research Magazine staff. It was decided we would make the final decision whether FAR-B could afford to fund the student at the BOD meeting in March.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

Bill read the treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

- Al Piringer reported on Dr. Murrell's FAR-B-BARC Committee meeting. He mentioned that Walter Rawls of the Hydrology Lab was giving FAR-B memberships to retiring employees. Rose Marie Hammond was going to follow-up on the types of gifts scientists could give to FAR-B, i.e. honoraria, stipends given for writing books, etc. A greater effort will be made to motivate Research Leaders to encourage their employees to become members of FAR-B. Frank Longen said this would give scientists a mechanism to solicit support from industry.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Hupfer

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Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, March 14, 1995, 1:00 p.m., at the Visitor's Center - followed by the Annual Meeting.



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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on March 12, 1995 in the Lincoln Room at the Visitor Center. Those in attendance were Frank Longen, A. A. Hanson, Al Piringer, Morton Beroza, William A. Bailey, Gordon Marten and Ginger Hupfer.

The minutes were approved as distributed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

- Frank suggested we vote today on funding a summer intern for the Agricultural Research Magazine staff. Al Piringer made the motion; Gus Hanson seconded it. It was passed by voice vote.
- The Selection Committee has met for the FAR-B Distinguished Scientist Award. Frank reviewed the citation for the plaque written by Gus Hanson. Dr. Hanson called Dr. Harold Hawk to notify him of his selection. Frank will see that the plaque is ordered and also write a letter to Dr. Hawk for John Moseman's signature. It was decided that the presentation will be at the opening session. Morton Beroza said that it was suggested at the last symposium meeting, that a poster of recognition of Harold Hawk's award at the poster sessions. The group agreed.
- Frank discussed the sequence of events for the following Annual Meeting. Dr. Marten will be the guest speaker as Dr. Murrell was called downtown. We must have the election of two Board members. Pat Jackson has agreed to serve another term if no one else could be found. Phil Kearney is willing to take on the vacancy. According to the By-laws there should be six members on the Board. Frank called Howard Brooks with the intention of replacing Pat Jackson. Holly Hayes wants a report of what went on at the meeting. Frank would like to get Holly involved in the Newsletter.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON C. MARTEN

- The Area Office has been meeting regularly with the 8 scientists and their support staff that have tentatively been displaced by the President's budget. If there is no placement by July, the Agency will take over and impose a freeze until all the people have been placed.
- Dr. Marten and Dr. Murrell toured the two new wastewater treatment plants. The plant on BARC-East cost \$6M. The plant on BARC-West cost \$3M. We are planning a dedication for those sometime in June. FAR-B members were invited in advance.
- Dr. Marten thought March 9 Poster Day was excellent with positive feedback. We had 38 young scientists presenting material. Dr. Plowman attended and took part in the lunch and gave a speech. On behalf of the organizers and the Area Office, Dr. Marten thanked FAR-B for sponsoring the luncheon.
- The House Hearings were on February 28 and they were very good. Dr. Plowman had a large table displaying products that ARS has turned out.
- Secretary to be Glickman will have his hearings with the Senate on March 21, 22, and 23. Mr. Dan Glickman is expected to be confirmed. Dr. Carl Stauber is very likely to be the new Under Secretary for Science, Education, and Economics. Dr. Floyd Horn is likely to be the Deputy Under Secretary.
- The Senate Hearings for ARS are scheduled for April 5.
- The FDA Center for Food Safety and Nutrition has a probability of being built at Beltsville. With this, there is a possibility of getting some modernization money. Three potential sites have been examined by FDA and GSA. The Odell Road hump, where they are now, and a site between building 426 and the BW Parkway.

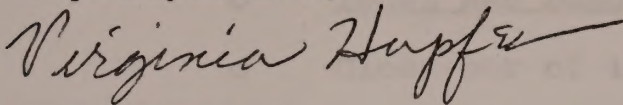
- The USDA office complex is designed and ready to break ground in the spring. There is major opposition being brought in by the National Capital Park and Planning because of Transportation pressures.
- June 19 is the hearing for the precision farming. This time the Senate and the House Agriculture Committees are involved. A forty acre tract off of Springfield Road of barley and alfalfa which demonstrate geographic information system for precision farming. The Administration is thinking of going into a major experiment on high input sustainable agriculture as well as other ways of supporting sustainable agriculture.
- Modernization - Building 010A will be occupied the first of May; Building 001 is completely being gutted and rebuilt. It is proposed to be available in December of 1996.
- Strategic planning is underway for ARS. This is in response to GPRA, Government Performance & Results Act. There are a couple pilot projects started. Beltsville is taking part in the methyl bromide alternatives project. There is another one on alfalfa. Eventually everyone is ARS will set goals and every year a report has to be turned in on what was a milestone toward that goal.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

Bill distributed a copy of the treasurer's report (Copy Enclosed).

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, April 11, 1995, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.

FAR-B February 14, 1995

G. C. Marten

1. Review of Budget Estimates (President's Budget for FY '96)

- House Hearing on this budget will be February 28
- Key Items:
 - o A total ARS reduction in existing programs of \$47M
 - o About \$45M proposed new research (to be taken out of our hide) is part of this reduction
 - o A net decrease of \$2.3M for ARS (a \$60M decrease for all of REE)
 - o Total ARS budget for '96 of \$710M
 - o Close-out of 12 complete locations in ARS
 - o New ARS research initiatives:
 - Food Safety and Pathogen Reduction
 - Integrated Pest Management
 - Human Nutrition
 - Agricultural Biodiversity
 - Air Quality
- What Does This Mean for Beltsville?
 - o Six programs (loss of 8 SY) to be closed
 - o \$8.45M of proposed new research, combined with \$2.5M close-outs, leaves us with a proposed gain of close to \$6M.
 - o Proposed Close-outs:
 - All Meat Science Lab except for Dr. Solomon's program (LPSI); (Close-out of programs of Drs. Moats, Fries, and Berry)
 - Dr. Maruyama's program in Gene Evaluation and Mapping Lab (LPSI)
 - Dr. Carroll's program in Parasite Biology and Epidemiology Lab (LPSI)
 - Dr. Cantelo's program in Vegetable Lab (PSI)

- Dr. Kulik's program in Soybean and Alfalfa Research Lab (PSI)
- Dr. Webster's program in Systemic Botany and Mycology Lab (PSI)
- o \$10M of proposed new modernization at BARC (new Controlled Environment Facility and design of new Human Nutrition Building included).
- o Proposed new BARC Research:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Taxonomy of Pests and Beneficial Insects	\$500K
Taxonomy of Weeds	\$250K
Biodiversity (conservation and quarantine processing)	\$150K
Food Safety and Pathogen Reduction (Meat)	\$800K
Human Nutrition (Role of Carotenoids)	\$250K
Nutrition Monitoring and Food Composition	<u>\$6.5M</u>
Total	\$8.45M

2. We are planning to co-host a Congressional "Hearing" on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Precision Farming on June 19, 1995.
 - o Hearing will start with presentation in Auditorium of 003.
 - o Group will move by bus to 40-acre field of Springfield Road to demonstrate field equipment used in GIS.
 - o Fertilization of alfalfa and harvest of barley will be featured.
3. All employees recently received or will receive Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. Now all our employees will

be safe (safety training completed), ethical (ethics training completed), and non-harassing.

4. We have invited the NE Regional SARE/ACE Administrative Council to visit our Sustainable Agriculture and IPM research and demonstration on July 20 (the day after our regular Field Day).
 - o Mike Ruff will organize the event.
 - o We may need help from FAR-B for the lunch.
 - o We expect from 25 to 30 people.
5. The Master Plan for BARC is 50% completed--it should be finished by April, 1996.
6. Our Mentoring Program has 43 pairs of Mentors/Mentees.
 - o Career planning is the focus for most of the mentees.
 - o Some mentees are participating to increase their understanding of themselves and the ARS culture.
7. Dr. Murrell has given a new charge to FAR-B and a special FAR-B Committee that includes both BARC employees and FAR-B Board members.
 - o Tom Sexton (LPSI Director) is the Chair.
 - o Their first meeting was February 10.
8. The Combined Federal Campaign was successful.
 - o We raised \$88K in Beltsville Area (\$3K increase over previous year)
 - o The CFC organizers thank FAR-B for donating refreshments for the recognition ceremony on February 14.

4. We have invited the 25 members of the National Association of County and State Health Officers and 150 research and education on July 20 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Field Day.
- o Mike Ruff will organize the event.
- o We may need help from the 4th for the lunch.
- o We expect from 25 to 30 people.
5. The meeting plan for 1980 is not completed - it should be finished by April, 1980.
6. Our Marketing Program has 42 pairs of members/mentees.
- o Career planning is the focus for most of the mentees.
- o Some mentees are participating in internships. Their major areas of interest are the AIDS culture.
7. Dr. Murray has given a new charge to FAP-B and a 4-point FAP-B Committee that includes both BAP, employees and FAP-B Board members.
- o Tom Berman (FAP-B Director) is the Chair.
- o Their first meeting was February 10.
8. The Combined Federal Campaign was successful.
- o We raised \$25,000 in Baltimore Area (25% increase over previous year).
- o The CRT organizers thank FAP-B for donating telephones for the reception ceremony on February 14.

Board of Directors Meeting - March 14, 1995

1. Review minutes of last meeting -

- a. John Moseman called to mention that we had agreed to fund luncheon for Poster Day Exhibitors
- b. Decision needed on funding Summer Intern on AR Magazine Staff.

Selection of FAR-B Distinguished Scientist Award

- a. Selection Committee has met.
- b. Where & when will award be given
- c. Need citation for plaque.
- d. Letter to selectee - Longen will prepare

3. Sequence of events for annual meeting

- a. Welcome by Longen - with a run-down on some of the activities FAR-B has been involved in in 1994
 - 1. Symposium XIX
 - Total Attendance - 162
 - Industry Solicitations
 - Registration Fees
 - Amount of funds handled by FAR-B
 - 2. Luncheons & refreshments for various events -
 - Dedication of new Hort. Sc. Bldg.
 - Poster Day Exhibitors
 - Integrated Pest Management Field Day
 - 3. Summer Intern
 - 4. Status of FAR-B membership
 - 5. Explanation of Bank Accounts - General, Symposium & SELF
 - 6. What makes up General Account - Dues, honoraria,
 - 7. What makes up Symposium Account
 - 8. What makes up SELF account

2. Guest speaker - Dr. Murrell

3. Introduce Dr. Vernon Pursel- Co-chair of Symp. XX



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The meeting was called to order at 1:06 by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DR. JOHN MOSEMAN

- Dr. Moseman thanked Frank Longen for chairing the meeting in March.
- The group welcomed George Irving back.
- Mark Jenkins sent a letter thanking FAR-B for providing lunch for Poster Day.
- A check was received from Don Bills for co-editing magazine.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. VERNON PURSEL

Vernon reported that a meeting will be held on April 12 and the program will be finalized. We have the first draft ready. We have all but one abstract from speakers. We currently have 250 registrants. We are expecting 325-375 participants. We have 32 students and 60 registrants from BARC. We received \$1,600 in donations with an additional \$500 not yet received. We sent supplemental solicitation letters. We still need a speaker to talk about Congressional Concerns on Biotechnology. We have invited Congressman Wayne Allard from the 4th district of Colorado; Chairman of Subcommittee on Agricultural Research of the Agricultural Committee. We have sent symposium invitations to selected Congressmen and USDA officials.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

Bill Bailey distributed copies of the treasurer's report.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. K. DARWIN MURRELL

- Dr. Finney retired. There will be a party for him on the first evening of the Administrator's Council.
- Dr. Murrell has been passing out FAR-B brochures at retirements.
- Mr. Seth Statler from Congressman Hoyer's office visited today. He was taken on a tour of BARC. Mr. Statler is the replacement for John Berry who went to Treasury and is currently a Congressional Liaison to the Smithsonian Institute.
- The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine will be built on a site on Odell Road.
- A Joint Congressional Hearing on Precision Farming will be held June 19. We have provided the space for the hearing. There will be a tent in front of Building 003. A tour will be held at the Springfield Road demonstration. About 500 people are expected.
- Dr. Jim Oliver was the BA winner of the National Technology Transfer Award. He will be nominated for the Federal Lab Consortium Technology Transfer Awards.
- Field Day is scheduled for July. We will have more than one field day. The Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education (SARE) group is coming the day after Field Day.
- NPR II is a part of the Vice President's initiative. A set of questions were answered by Research Leaders. The results are excellent and will assist the Agency to respond to NPR-II.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion of making a poster for FAR-B distinguished Service Award which would have a place for a picture which would be replaced each year.

Pat and Ginger are working on Newsletter for April.

The Committee on Opportunities for BARC will meet Thursday. A poster which will have information for joining will be developed and will be placed at the Visitor Center and other functions. FAR-B has been contacting individuals that have joint research with BARC to be members of FAR-B. A discussion as to whether or not to give out hats with membership applications followed. A logo was discussed. It was suggested that Nancy Thrush be contacted to see who drew the ARCEA logo.

Retirees luncheon will be held April 27 at the Greenbelt American Legion at 11:30 am. Wayne Russman, Historian for USDA will be the speaker. The menu is stuffed chicken breast and the cost is \$9.50. Call Bill Bailey if you are interested in attending.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lora A. Tanner, Acting for
Executive Secretary

Virginia L. Huffer

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Vice President, Frank Longen. Frank announced that John Moseman suffered a stroke last week and won't be with us for a while. He also told us that Al Piringer bought a subscription to the Maryland Lottery for FAR-B.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON C. MARTEN

- Because of the situation in ARS, Dr. Murrell will temporarily be acting Associate Administrator and acting Administrator in Dr. Plowman's absence. Dr. Marten will be acting Area Director. Wiz Horner will be acting Associate Deputy Administrator for AMF. John Van De Vaarst is acting Deputy Area Director. Linda Mooney is acting Administrative Officer for the Beltsville Area.
- Gus Hanson will meet with the Scientist of the Year Committee. Larry Johnson chairs that committee.
- A tentative title for BARC Symposium XXII has been chosen and 3 co-chairs have been named. The tentative title is "Co-Utilization of Byproducts: Strategies for Land Improvement". The co-chairs are Ron Korcak, Pat Millner, and Bob Wright.
- We had over 34 sons and daughters participate in our Career Day April 27.
- We will be holding a reception for Essex and Ellen Finney Thursday 5/18 at 2:00 pm. FAR-B will be sponsoring the event.
- There are five major events taking place in June and July.
 1. The U.S. National Arboretum is holding a clambake 6/8/95. It is sponsored by FONA.
 2. We are hosting the Precision Agriculture Hearing for Congress 6/19, here at BARC. There are currently over 200 pre-registrants and over 60 exhibitors. In the afternoon, we will transport them to a site off of Springfield Road to show the harvesting of a ripe crop of barley and the placement of fertilizer in an alfalfa field done with precision agriculture methodology. Mike Ruff is the coordinator.
 3. On 6/26 at 10:00 we have the dedication of the BARC-East and BARC-West wastewater treatment facilities. We will be visiting the facility on BARC-East. Congressman Hoyer plans to be here. Dr. Marten invited all BOD members and guests to come. He asked if FAR-B would sponsor the refreshments, estimated at \$300.
 4. On 7/19 is the Sustainable Agriculture and IPM Field Day. Dr. Marten gave Frank a memo from Don Bills requesting FAR-B help with the refreshments and luncheons for our distinguished visitors - estimate, \$400.
 5. On 7/20 there will be a similar event for the Sustainable Agriculture and Research and Education group from the Northeast.
- We had a Research Leader's meeting at the Arboretum. Floyd Horn addressed the group. He is presently the acting Under Secretary for Research and Education and Economics.

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - DR. AMY ROSSMAN

The title of the symposium is "Global Genetic Resources: Access, Ownership and Intellectual Property Rights". Amy Rossman and Tom Elias are Co-Chairs. It is a joint symposium with the Association of

Systematics Collections and Elaine Hoagland is their Executive Director. The committee hopes to get a preliminary brochure out by late May - early June. The Symposium is scheduled to run Sunday, May 19 through Wednesday, May 22. It will open with a reception Sunday at the Holiday Inn. The major evening event will be a tapas dinner at the National Arboretum. Henry Shands has been instrumental in getting speakers to make commitments to coming. The opening speaker will be Tom Eisner from Cornell University. Dr. Murrell has determined that the belltower will be the logo.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

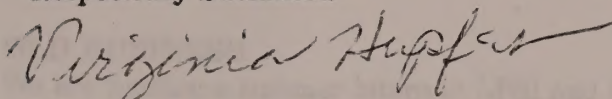
Since the co-chairs were unable to attend, Frank gave the update. To date there are approximately 325 registrants. Frank passed around the award plaque for Dr. Harold Hawk. Dr. Irving will be presenting the plaque. There were 5 sponsors at \$500, and 2 at \$100.

NEW BUSINESS

- As a result of the "Initiatives Committee" meeting (last meeting - 4/14/95), and subsequent inquiries, BARC employees, who receive honoraria or royalties must tell the Company that they not say "In Lieu ...", they must tell them that if they want to make a contribution to FAR-B, they may do so. Frank will pursue this more formally through the proper channels.
- Another subject discussed at the Initiatives Committee meeting was soliciting corporation support for FAR-B. There are currently approximately 35 companies contributing to various research projects here at BARC. The committee discussed the possibility of asking these companies to join FAR-B as Sustaining Members - \$500. Jim Butcher (U. of Md) and Walter Rawls will draft the letter. Frank suggested a "Corporate Lifetime" membership at \$5,000 - \$10,000.
- Tom Sexton inquired whether FAR-B would consider funding a summer research student. The decision was we will support such a student at the Lab that is holding the symposium.
- Steve Berberich wants to establish 3 exhibits in the areas of bee research, aquaculture, and poultry. If it is possible to get industry to fund the project, he may start with the bee exhibit and work through FAR-B.
- It was agreed to sponsor the refreshments for the receptions for the wastewater treatment plant, the Sustainable Agriculture and IPM Field Day, and Essex Finney.
- Frank said he would act as interim President until September.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Virginia Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS Tuesday, June 13, 1995, 1:00 p.m., at the VISITOR CENTER.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met on June 13, 1995 in the Lincoln Room at the Visitor Center. Those in attendance were William A. Bailey, Frank Longen, Phil Kearney, Morton Beroza, Bill Hollis, Tom Sexton, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Steven A. Connelly.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Vice President, Frank Longen. Frank gave an update on John Moseman's progress. Frank introduced Steven Connelly, Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.

Steven gave a brief sketch of his background and the purpose of "MAEF". He said there has been a national trend in the U.S. to have agriculture in the classroom training in all states. MAEF holds in-service training programs for teachers in the elementary school years to teach the importance of agriculture.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. TOM SEXTON

- The Beltsville Symposium was a rousing success. There was good interaction and exchange between participants.
- The Precision Agriculture Field Day will be a combination field day & press conference. Expected to attend will be the Secretary of Agriculture, key members of both the Senate & House Agricultural Appropriations Committees. Joining this distinguished group will be Dr. Plowman, Dr. Stauber, Dr. Horn and K. D. Murrell.
- At the University of Alberta in Canada, the College of Agriculture has been reorganized into a "Department".

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - DR. AMY ROSSMAN

Amy Rossman is on travel status this week.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. DUANE NORMAN AND DR. VERNON PURSEL

The Co-chairs would rather wait until final figures are available to make a report. Preliminary figures indicate a good profit.

OLD BUSINESS

We are funding a summer intern in LPSI and the Agricultural Research magazine staff this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank reminded the group about the dedication of the wastewater treatment plants on June 26. Sustainable Agriculture and IPM Field Day is on July 19. Frank brought the FAR-B poster board Jane Wall had worked on. Frank will work with Steve Berberich and the Information staff to design a poster to advertise FAR-B with a pocket for FAR-B brochures which could be used for luncheons, etc. sponsored by FAR-B and perhaps be placed in the lobby of building 003. It was suggested that the Symposium Office's phone number be placed on the poster.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

Bill said we are getting close to being a \$100,000 company which would change the Federal Income tax form. Copy of Treasurer's report inclosed.

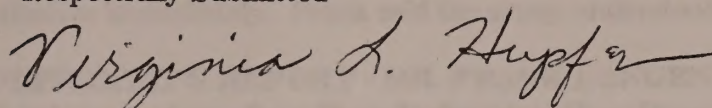
ROUND ROBIN

Phil Kearney inquired how Essex Finney's reception turned out. Tom Sexton said it was the longest line he had stood in for a retirement party. There was discussion about Dr. Finney's replacement. Tom Sexton said some firm decision will be made during the summer months. Dr. Horn is staying on as the Deputy Under Secretary for responsibility for research.

Frank reminded the group that FAR-B BOD will not be meeting July or August. A decision was made to pay for Ginger Hupfer and Shirley Weeses' roses from Symposium fund. Ginger will mail out a symposium report when it becomes available.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Virginia Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS Tuesday September 12, 1995, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met on September 12, 1995 in Room 238 Conference Room, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were Albert Piringer, Morton Beroza, George Irving, Frank Longen, Wm. A. Bailey, John Moseman, A. A. Hanson, Phil Kearney, Gordon Marten, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Amy Rossman.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Vice President, Frank Longen. John Moseman read his letter thanking Frank Longen for assuming the duties of President of FAR-B, and tendering his resignation, effective immediately. Frank said the group understood and accepted his resignation reluctantly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

Frank read a letter from Steve Berberich to Gary Bauman on the subject of the Agricultural Museum in Ottawa, Canada. The letter was in response to a memo from Gary describing the museum in Canada and suggested that, with the current climate of cutting back on agriculture, such a museum may be a good idea for Beltsville in telling our story. He suggested a cooperative effort with the Smithsonian. Frank mentioned an exhibit at the National Visitor Center. We were given a oak encased bee hive as a donation from the Connecticut Bee Keeper's Association. Steve and Dr. Shimanuki would like to construct an exhibit to be placed beside the hive. We have been given donations totaling \$350 from a number of Bee Keepers Associations particularly in the northeast. Dr. Shimanuki estimated it would cost approximately \$3,000 to construct the exhibit. Frank said we received a donation of two composters from Shape Plastics, Inc. a Wisconsin company. Pat Millner had been corresponding with this company. They are now in use at the Visitor Center.

Frank had asked Steve to work with the Office of Information to refine the poster Frank had gotten from Jane Wall by putting pockets in the corner to hold FAR-B brochures. If this can't be done, we could go to an outside contractor.

Frank distributed two letters. One from Tom Sexton to the Institute Directors, illiciting more publicity among the employees at Beltsville in an effort to increase Associate members and to work through these employees and their contacts with industry in order to get increased support either through contributions or memberships in FAR-B from among the corporate sector. This is in line with the Initiatives Committee that Dr. Murrell started. The second letter was distributed to all Beltsville Area employees. The memorandum noted the purpose and activities of FAR-B and invited all employees to become a member.

Frank briefly shared his experience at the reception held at the Visitor Center for the summer interns. Carolyn Moore acknowledged FAR-B's funding two summer interns.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON C. MARTEN

- Dr. Marten thanked FAR-B for sponsoring the lunch for the summer intern students and for financing the two students.
- We hope to have a new Administrator of ARS by late September or early October. Dr. Stauber said the new Administrator would come from within the ranks of ARS. As of today, Dr. Murrell is Acting Administrator and Dr. Reginato from the Pacific West Area is Acting Associate Administrator. Thursday and Friday (9/14-15/95) I will be attending an executive session of the Administrator's Council in Building 005. We will be focusing on the attempt for visioning and strategic planning for ARS. We will have a new Mission Statement for ARS.
- The Government calls for the government agencies to develop a vision based 5 year strategic plan. To start with that visioning they had 5 big conferences. The first was held here at Beltsville. There was one in St. Louis, one in Dallas-Fort Worth, one in Sacramento, and the last one was

in Atlanta Ga. The information collected there, provided a forum for ARS leadership to set strategic directions. The information will be aggregated under ten areas of Common Agreement. The team organized the material into nine areas that identified the major roles that ARS will play in this relative to meeting research needs for the next 20-25 years. The current USDA timetable calls for the ARS to submit their strategic plan to the Office of the Secretary by March 1997.

- Dr. Marten said he had written the State of the Area report this year. Dr. Murrell reviewed it; the final edit was made, and the final version was submitted September 11. Dr. Marten's report had several key statistics he shared. "Where do we stand in fiscal year 1996 compared to where we stood in fiscal year 1991 and where we stood in fiscal year 1995?" Looking at total funding - In fiscal 1991, we had \$79.5M, in 1995 we had \$101.7M, and projected for 1996 we are at \$95.2M. We have 94% as much money in 96 as we had in 95 (at this point). In 1991 we had only 84% as much money as we will have in fiscal 96 if the current projection of the House bill is accurate. FTE's - In 1991, we had 1,402; in fiscal 95, we had 1,304; and in fiscal 96 we had 1,290. Permanent SY's - fiscal 91, 355; fiscal 95, 349; and in fiscal 96, 323. Post Docs - fiscal 91, 83; fiscal 95, 73; and in fiscal 96, 76. Coming in from outside support, we have more than \$9M; we have 17 new CRADA's with industry; we have 4 BARD proposals, 3 National Research Initiative Grants approved.
- At conference call this morning we heard from Joe Garbarino that we are likely to have a continuing resolution on October 1.
- Glen Vandenberg is retiring after 39 years of service. Eric Neumann from the Arboretum is retiring after 31 years of service and Bill Nickle is retiring.
- On October 25 we will be having our "Celebration of Excellence" at 1 pm in the auditorium in bldg. 003. Among those recognized will be Walter Mertz and Harry Borthwick (posthumous). They will be inducted into the ARS Hall of Fame. The dinner is tentatively scheduled at the Arboretum on November 28. The ceremony for the ARS awards is November 29 in the auditorium tentatively at 1 pm. You are invited to attend all or any of these ceremonies.
- Out of 50 headquarters funded research associates, Beltsville will get 11.
- Modernization - The present budget calls for \$8M. The greenhouses will be finished by November. Building 001 is scheduled to be completed by summer. Building 004 is essentially vacated and the design is nearly finished. The building is nearly all funded.

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - DR. AMY ROSSMAN

The Committee worked with Chip Beuchert and had 1,500 copies of the preliminary brochures printed. The Symposium has been advertised in *Diversity* magazine. In July it was tentatively decided to combine the Beltsville Symposium with a similar meeting being organized by the Crop Science Society of America. We now have the dinner event taking place at the Patuxent Visitor Center. We are planning an informal event. We may do a tour of the Arboretum. We are currently working on companies to solicit for sponsoring the symposium. We have a rough draft of the budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

Dr. Sexton asked FAR-B to sponsor lunch and snacks for the Beltsville Area Student Symposium on October 10 estimated to cost \$1,900. Discussion followed. It was decided that FAR-B would contribute \$500 toward the event. Bill read the treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank asked the group if they wanted to move forward in selecting a new president now or wait until the annual meeting. It was decided to pick up on this at the October meeting. Phil Kearney suggested that Essex Finney would be a good candidate.

ROUND ROBIN

George Irving noted that Jamie Whitten passed away.

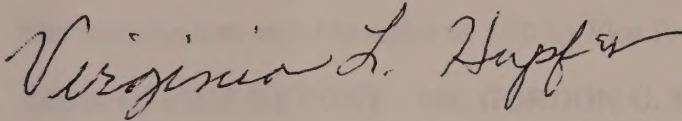
Frank Longen said Earl Sharar, one of our FAR-B members died.

Gus Hanson said he was going to visit Carl Carlson who is in poor health.

Ginger will get the Newsletter out in October.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1995, 1:00 P.M., IN THE LINCOLN ROOM AT THE VISITOR CENTER.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met on October 10, 1995 in the Lincoln Room of the National Visitor Center. Those in attendance were Frank Longen, Morton Beroza, Al Piringer, Phil Kearney, George Irving, Pat Jackson, John Moseman, Bill Bailey, Gordon Marten, Steve Berberich, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Allan Stoner.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Vice President Frank Longen.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON C. MARTEN

- The Administrator's Council met in late September focusing on developing visioning and strategic planning for ARS, and to develop a new Mission Statement for ARS. The Mission Statement has yet to be written and finalized. Mr. Rominger said the USDA will undergo a 12% cut in personnel between 1995 and 1999. This doesn't directly apply to us since we are so far below ceiling. Budget dictates how many personnel we have. He added that there will be a central system for financial management in USDA to be put in place by fiscal 97. Dr. Marten came with the new Vision Statement. "Leading America toward a better future through agricultural research" that creates, disseminates and applies knowledge to address critical issues and opportunities. Guiding Principles to fulfill that vision:

- Provide Leadership for the National Agricultural Research Agenda
- Strengthen Relationships with ARS Partners
- Educate and Relate to Consumers and Other Constituents
- Develop and Transfer Information Systems and Technology
- Carry Out and Support Excellent, Relevant Science
- Support Long Term Research to Provide a Foundation for Problem Solving
- Address Environmental Issues
- Promote Interdisciplinary Team and Systems Approaches
- Develop and Strengthen Institutional and Human Resources
- Apply the Science Base to Address Critical Emerging Problems
- Provide the Science Base for Informed Policy Making

The Values out of this Statement: 1. Accountability, 2. Appreciation, 3. Cooperation, 4. Creativity, 5. Global Perspective, 6. Integrity, 7. Leadership, 8. Objectivity, 9. Partnerships, 10. Quality, 11. Relevance, 12. Service, 13. Sharing, 14. Strategy, and 15. Team Work.

- ARS got a slight increase in the House and Senate Conference Committee. We have about a \$710M budget for ARS in fiscal 96, if the appropriation bill passes and if the President signs it. The only Beltsville Area project that was eliminated is the grass taxonomy (sugar cane) project of Robert Webster. He has been transferred to Arkansas. Up to this point, Congress did pass the \$8M facilities appropriation for Beltsville. It could be interfered with if there were a recession. We plan to build a controlled environment facility and the infra structure design for building 300 area. Next in line would be the human nutrition center and then the livestock & poultry sciences.
- Dr. Karl Stauber is beginning the process of preparing for the activation of the Agricultural Research Facilities Study Commission. The Sub-Committee of the Joint Council will be co-chaired by Dr. John Nye and Dr. Ted Hullar. Dr. Marten pointed out two familiar names serving on this Sub-Committee: Jim Cook and Essex Finney. On September 27, 1995, Dr. Stauber issued a statement on Agriculture Research Facility Study. The key background statement reads as follows: "The 1990 Farm Bill authorizing language regarding the Commission directed the Secretary to review all currently operating and planned agricultural research facilities. The 1995 Farm Bill Guidance from the Administration recommends reauthorization of a Commission charged with reviewing existing and proposed federally funded research facilities; identifying those that should be closed, realigned, consolidated, or modernized; and making recommendations to

Congress. This study should result in a 10-year strategic plan for utilization, development, construction, consolidation, and closure of Federal facilities -- from a national and regional, Federal and state perspective. Membership on the proposed Commission will come from Federal research staff, the university research community, private sector research leadership and general farm organizations, commodity groups and conservation organizations."

- Dr. Marten followed up on the Congressional Actions, mentioning \$150,653 is gone from the Systematics for the grass taxonomy (sugar cane) project. In the Conference report, we have two increases: 1. Animal Improvement Programs Lab - \$300,000 and 2. Horticultural Research - National Arboretum - \$350,000.
- Robert Miller, Research Leader of the Milk Secretion & Mastitis Lab, is retiring after 35 years of service on December 23.. The Lab was abolished and employees reassigned.
- Frank Longen asked who Administrative and Financial Management reports to. Dr. Marten said Jane Giles reports to the Administrator of ARS, but she also serves other agencies as well.
- George Irving questioned as to whether they would be having one budget & finance officer for the Agencies. Further, he added that information taken from the old Committee on Research Evaluation Report might be as good in 1995 as it was in 1955. Dr. Marten will look into this.

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - DR. ALLAN STONER

Amy Rossman appointed Allan as Treasurer-Budget Officer. Planning is coming along well. The program is pretty much in place and most speakers have committed. Dr. Stoner passed a copy of the Solicitation letter to the BOD members. Frank Longen suggested that a sentence be added, "That since we are a tax exempt organization, any contribution that you make would be tax deductible." It could be inserted before the sentence, "Checks should be made payable to FAR-B, Inc." Frank suggested the letter go out by late October or early November. Allan indicated that he has a list of approximately 65 organizations that he has tentatively identified to send letters to. He has other lists of companies involved with plant-animal breeding activities, and companies that have microbial collections, etc.

Al Piringer suggested checking with Rob Griesbach to determine if we are aiming at tissue culture organizations. Relative to the financial situation, we are hoping that by partially combining the Beltsville Symposium with Intellectual Property Rights 3, (IPR 3), a meeting being organized by the Crop Science Society of America, the American Society for Horticultural Science and ARS, our funding for travel and other expenses can be minimized. We hope to keep our registration fee at a nominal level.

The Symposium will be a 2 1/2 day meeting. The primary evening function will be at the Patuxent Visitor Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

Frank updated the group on the request for snacks and bag lunches for the Student Symposium. At our last meeting the BOD decided that of the \$1,900 requested, we could donate \$500. Frank notified Dr. Marten of our decision. After talking to Dr. Murrell, he asked if we could handle a \$1,000 request. Frank talked to several BOD members who agreed to this. Frank was concerned because we have paid out more in fiscal 95 than we have taken in. His question was, "Would we be legitimate in using symposium generated funds for other purposes at BARC?" Discussion followed. George Irving suggested asking Joe McBride the lawyer who wrote our by-laws. Frank went on to explain that FAR-B would be \$12,000 ahead in the symposium account. The 1994 symposium proceedings exceeded its estimate by \$9,000. After talking to Gordon Marten, they came to the conclusion that since the obligation was made in FY 94, the entire amount could be paid from last year's ARS funds. Frank said we would have about \$50,000 to carry over to the 1996 Symposium.

Frank had a call from Joe Spence who said that the Distilled Spirits Council wants to contribute \$10,000 to FAR-B. They want assurance that it would be used for research at Beverly Clevedence's Lab, BHNRC.

Frank told the group that he would be unable to act in the President's capacity for the next 2-3 months. He asked for a volunteer. He reminded us that we have our Annual Meeting in March 1996. He would serve January and February; a nominating committee could be formed to select some nominees for the job of President. Bill Bailey volunteered to serve in the capacity of President during Frank's absence. Frank made the motion and Al Piringer seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

Bill read the report. The report was approved as read.

Frank has been writing a welcome letter to each new member. Mort Beroza recommended that as a result of the last symposium meeting and talk there of needing more poster boards that FAR-B purchase 10 additional boards and offer to pay for an ad they want in "Science" and "Bioscience". Ginger will contact Amy on both subjects. Frank moved that we purchase the boards and possibly the advertisements. Pat Jackson seconded. The motion carried.

NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER REPORT - MR. STEVE BERBERICH

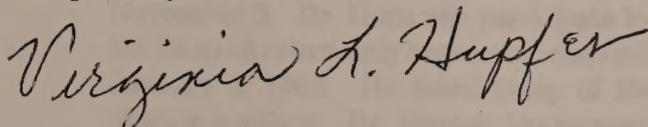
Frank asked Steve Berberich the results of the poster he gave him to give to the Information Staff to modify. Steve will check into this. Steve said as a member of the Initiatives Committee headed by Tom Sexton, he spoke to the Plant Sciences Institute. They asked him if FAR-B could contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign? Frank said we could not. They also wanted to know if they could contribute an honoraria given to them? Frank said the Company must make the check payable to FAR-B. The third question from the group was whether "Thank You" letters are sent from FAR-B for contributions. The answer was yes.

Steve said through the Initiatives Committee we got the idea of generating funds for exhibits to be displayed at the Visitor Center. FAR-B would receive funds, the exhibit, which we would make portable would be displayed at the NVC. We now have the bee exhibit, composter, and perhaps remote sensing. Steve had gathered bids for a portable exhibit for bee research, ranging from \$1,800 to \$4,800. Dr. Shiminuki's supporters have contributed \$300. Steve's question was whether FAR-B could sponsor this with either a contribution or advanced money. Al Piringer made a motion that we advance the money contingent on Dr. Shiminuki's continued effort to solicit funds from bee associations. Bill Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Steve invited the BOD to review the products of the estimates.

Steve and Mike Holmes have been involved with the Prince George's County Tricentennial Committee. There is a Sub-Committee on Agriculture. Steve is trying to generate interest from BARC. He asked for volunteers to be on this committee. Al Piringer suggested Alan Fusonie. Steve will check into this. Phil Kearney suggested that FAR-B ask Mike Holmes to assist in this. Steve will follow up on this too.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS Tuesday November 14, 1995, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met November 14, 1995 in Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were William A. Bailey, Phil Kearney, George Irving, Morton Beroza, William Hollis, Pat Jackson, Darwin Murrell, Gordon Marten, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests included Michael Ruff, Janet Schmidt, Dug Miller, and Amy Rossman.

Acting President, William Bailey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Bill Bailey introduced Michael Ruff who thanked FAR-B for supporting the various activities at BARC. Mike explained that working with Janet Schmidt a few months ago, she brought to Mike's attention that there was an old account Orville Levander had with Procter and Gamble. In discussing this account Janet suggested that the money go to FAR-B. Being persistent, Janet contacted Procter and Gamble who didn't want the monies returned. Michael introduced Janet Schmidt who presented FAR-B with a check in the amount of \$2,817. Dr. Ruff said he would pursue other small technology transfer projects where we don't do an agreement that the funds be given to FAR-B.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. K. DARWIN MURRELL

- Dr. Murrell commented that we were still working and we expect to be. He said that the Department of Agriculture has its appropriation bill for 96. The only issue for us is the debt ceiling.
- ARS came through relatively well in the FY 1996 Appropriation Bill. Our across the board cut is about .9%. Dr. Murrell said he gave Dean Plowman and his associates a lot of credit for the work they did to encourage that support on the Hill. We did not get extra money for salary increases, cost of living adjustments, and annual inflation. If Congress truly plans to balance the budget by 2002, eventually we may be hit harder. But Dr. Murrell said he felt we did have great support on the Hill.
- Modernization - keeping the modernization program on track is always one of the biggest issues for the Area Office. This year we got \$8M for modernization (we asked for \$10M). Building 001 is scheduled for completion in the fall of 96. Building 004 is being planned and designed now. Coming right behind this is the Human Nutrition Building and the Livestock & Poultry Animal Facilities.
- Major Events - At the end of the month we will be having the ARS Hall of Fame Awards. Two scientists from Beltsville will be inducted. Dr. Borthwick will be inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame. We expect a member of his family to accept that award. Walter Mertz, former Director of the Human Nutrition Center will be inducted. We are going to hold the ARS Awards Program Wednesday afternoon, November 29, 1995 in the auditorium at 1:00 p.m. That will primarily focus on the Scientist of the Year, Technology Transfer Awards, Early Career Scientist Awards, and Administrative and Financial Management Top Awards. We will re-introduce the Hall of Fame Inductees. Dr. Murrell invited everyone at the meeting to attend the event.
- Dr. Murrell told the group that Floyd Horn is our new Administrator. He came on board November 2. Dr. Horn will participate in the Awards Program.
- Dr. Murrell reluctantly announced the retirement of his Associate, Dr. Gordon C. Marten, effective January 1, 1996. He listed many of Beltsville's accomplishments directly attributable to Dr. Marten's efforts. Dr. Marten has requested no party.
- Dr. Murrell handed out a magazine listing some of the accomplishments of BARC. He said it was up to each individual interested in Beltsville to be informed of our successes and not to rely solely on the Office of Information. There will be a better one coming out in December in color showing those 40 shopping basket items.

BELTSVILLE SYMPOSIUM XXI - DR. AMY ROSSMAN WITH DR. DUG MILLER

Amy Rossman reported that all of the speakers confirmed except for one. She reminded the group that they have been meeting with the Crop Science Society who were scheduled to have their third meeting on the same topic this spring. Rather than having two separate meetings with similar speakers on a similar topic, it was decided to combine the two meetings. Now the one hundred participants of this meeting are coming to a majority of our meeting. They will be paying full registration fees. Peter Day is the Key Note Speaker. To make sure that we have an appreciation for science, a portion of the meeting is case studies of how resources have benefitted science. Different models on the equitable use of genetic resources that have developed around the world will be presented. The final session is to talk about potential solutions. The evening banquet will be at the Patuxent Research Center's Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road. We are planning on ending the formal session on Wednesday by 10:30 a.m. to allow for discussion. ASC has volunteered to have an informal discussion in the afternoon with the goal of producing a white paper on this topic. Bill Hollis questioned that there was no evidence of Industrial Groups involved. Amy said they wanted them to fit in as sponsors. Bill suggested that they contact a trade association not a company. He said there were international associations. Al Stoner has been working up a solicitation letter and list of potential sponsors. A majority of the responses from the initial flyer has been from e-mail. Dr. Rossman said one of our strategies for getting the registration information out is over the Internet list service. There is a biodiversity Internet list service. Diversity and Bioscience magazines has the Symposium listed. We will get the information into the newsletters of the appropriate Societies. Dug Miller reported on the local arrangements. Registration and a reception will be held Sunday evening at the Holiday Inn. We plan on having one poster luncheon at the hotel and an evening social for more exposure on the posters. We will have a banquet at the Patuxent Visitor Center. Dr. Murrell commented that perhaps we should think of the political level. He said normally we invite the Administrator. He suggested that Amy should write a letter to Dr. Horn, saying you're planning on inviting him for opening remarks, however you are wondering if he would like to invite other members of the Sub Cabinet or the Secretary to attend also. Dr. Rossman suggested perhaps Dr. Murrell could write the letter and we would distribute it.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

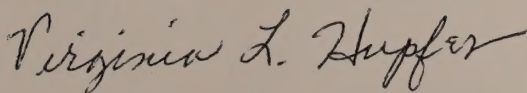
Bill distributed the Treasurer's Report. It was approved as distributed. Morton Beroza suggested we buy the 10 poster boards that were voted on by FAR-B. Ginger will check with Dr. Marten.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill brought up the subject previously discussed about transferring monies from the Symposium account to the General account. Discussion followed. Bill Hollis made a motion that monies from the Symposium Fund be made available to the General Fund, retaining \$10,000 in the Symposium Budget. George Irving seconded the motion. It carried.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday December 12, 1995, 1:00 p.m. , Room 238, Building 003.

